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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, provide as follows:

"**Article 2**

"1. The Unit shall consist of not more than eleven Inspectors, chosen from among members of national supervision or inspection bodies, or from among persons of a similar competence on the basis of their special experience in national or international administrative and financial matters, including management questions. The Inspectors shall serve in their personal capacity.

"2. No two Inspectors shall be nationals of the same State.

"**Article 3**

"1. Starting from the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, in 1977, the President of the General Assembly shall consult with Member States to draw up, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and of reasonable rotation, a list of countries which would be requested to propose candidates who meet the qualifications mentioned in article 2, paragraph 1, above.

"2. The President of the General Assembly, through appropriate consultations, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination], shall review the qualifications of the proposed candidates. After further consultations, if necessary, with the States concerned, the President of the General Assembly shall submit the list of candidates to the Assembly for appointment.

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"**Article 4**

"1. The duration of the appointments of the Inspectors shall be five years, renewable for one further term ...".

2. In July 2007, at its resumed sixty-first session, the General Assembly appointed the following five members for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2008 and ending on 31 December 2012 (decision 61/421):

Mr. Nikolay Chulkov (Russian Federation)
Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba)
Mr. Mohamed Mounir-Zahran (Egypt)
Ms. Deborah Wynes (United States of America)
Mr. Zhang Yishan (China)

3. At its sixty-second session, the General Assembly decided to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation, effective 30 September 2007, of Inspector Juan Luis Larrabure (Peru), and appointed Mr. Enrique Román-Morey (Peru) for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2008 and expiring on 31 December 2012 (decision 62/402).

4. At its sixty-third session, the General Assembly, by its decision 63/416 of 20 February 2009, appointed Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan) to the Joint Inspection Unit for a second and final term of office, beginning on 1 January 2010 and expiring on 31 December 2014.

5. At its sixty-fourth session, the General Assembly reappointed Mr. Gérard Biraud (France), Mr. István Posta (Hungary), Mr. Papa Louis Fall (Senegal) and Mr. Cihan Terzi (Turkey) for a second and final five-year term, beginning on 1 January 2011 and expiring on 31 December 2015 (decision 64/425).

6. At present, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed of the following 11 members:

Mr. Mohamed Mounir-Zahran (Egypt)*
Mr. Gérard Biraud (France)***
Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov (Russian Federation)*
Mr. Papa Louis Fall (Senegal)***
Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba)*
Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan)**
Mr. István Posta (Hungary)***
Mr. Enrique Román-Morey (Peru)*
Mr. Cihan Terzi (Turkey)***
Ms. Deborah Wynes (United States of America)*
Mr. Zhang Yishan (China)*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2012.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2014.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2015.

7. At its sixty-sixth session, the General Assembly will need to fill the vacancies that will arise upon the expiry of the term of office of Mr. Mohamed Mounir-Zahran (Egypt); Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov (Russian Federation); Mr. Enrique Román-Morey (Peru); Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba); Mr. Zhang Yishan (China); and Ms. Deborah Wynes (United States of America) in December 2012. The individuals so appointed will serve for a period of five years, beginning on 1 January 2013.

8. By its resolution 61/238, the General Assembly decided that, beginning on 1 January 2008, the President of the General Assembly, when drawing up a list of countries that will be requested to propose candidates, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Unit, will invite Member States to submit the names of the countries and their respective candidates simultaneously, on the understanding that the candidates submitted are the candidates that the respective Member States intend to propose, to the extent possible, for appointment by the General Assembly, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute.

9. In addition, in its resolution 59/267, the General Assembly stressed the importance of ensuring that candidates have experience in at least one of the fields illustrated as follows: oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and/or programme performance, as well as knowledge of the United Nations system and its role in international relations.

10. After holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the President of the General Assembly will submit the names of the candidates to the Assembly for appointment.